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Telangana Schools Start Half-Day Hours

Schools in Telangana will begin their half-day schedule on March 15, with revised timings. Institutions designated as SSC examination centres will function on a separate schedule, with academic sessions running from 1 pm to 5 pm. The updated schedule also sets the record straight for other schools where the first bell will ring at 7.45 am, followed by the school assembly at 7.50 am. Classes will commence at 8 am and conclude at 12.30 pm. Regional joint directors and district educational officers have been directed to communicate these timings to schools and monitor compliance. The adjustments are part of the standard shift to half-day classes during the summer months.

Protests and dharnas banned on OU campus

Osmania University has officially banned agitations, dharnas, and demonstrations on its campus, citing disruptions to academic and administrative activities. The decision, announced through a circular, prohibits any form of protest in university departments, colleges, centres, and administrative buildings. The university stated that repeated instances of protests had hindered the smooth functioning of academic sessions, had delayed administrative work, and, at times, posed security concerns. Under the new directive, students and outsiders are barred from entering university buildings without authorisation, holding protests or demonstrations, raising slogans that disrupt academic or administrative operations, obstructing officials from performing their duties, or using abusive or offensive language against authorities or staff. The administration has urged students to follow formal channels for resolving grievances, encouraging them to approach relevant institutional authorities or seek an appointment **CONTINUE:P8**



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The University of Hyderabad (UoH) students' union lashed out at the state government's move to auction 400 acres of land in Kancha Gachibowli, accusing it of "deceit" and a delib-

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Love for Bharat unites us all: Amit Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his visit to the Northeast, gifted a guitar to 7-year-old Mizoram prodigy Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte on Saturday after she performed a heartfelt rendition of Vande Mataram in Aizawl. "Love for Bharat unites us all. Deeply moved to listen to Mizoram's wonder kid Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte, singing Vande Mataram in Aizawl today. The seven-year-old's love for Bharat Mata poured out into her song, making listening to her a mesmerizing experience," Shah wrote in a post on **CONTINUE:P4**

US strikes in Yemen kill 20

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The first US strikes against Yemen's Huthis since President Donald Trump took office in January killed at least 20 people, the rebels said Sunday, as Washington warned Iran to stop backing the group. The Huthis, who have attacked Israel and Red Sea shipping throughout the Gaza war, said children were among those killed by the intense barrage of strikes. An AFP photographer in the rebel-held capital Sanaa heard three explosions and saw plumes of smoke rising from a residential district, and strikes were also reported in Yemen's northern Saada region, a Huthi stronghold.

"Nine civilians were killed and nine others



were injured, most of them seriously," the Huthis' health and environment ministry said in a statement on their Saba news agency, reporting the strikes on Sanaa. A strike in the Saada region killed at least 10 people and wounded others, according to the Huthi Ansarollah website, condemning what it called "US-British aggression" and Washington's "criminal brutality".

The US Central Command (CENTCOM),

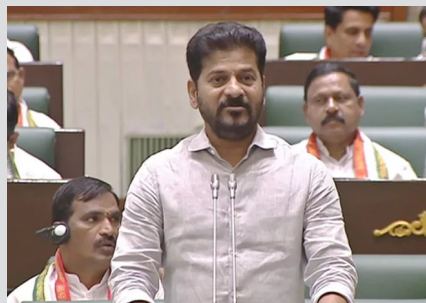
which posted images of fighters taking off from an aircraft carrier and a bomb demolishing a building compound, said "precision strikes" were launched to "defend American interests, deter enemies, and restore freedom of navigation". There was no immediate comment from British authorities. Trump, in a post on social media, vowed to "use overwhelming lethal force until we have achieved our objective", citing the Huthis' threats against Red Sea ship- **CONTINUE:P4**

KCR Took ₹57.84L Salary, Attended 2 Days: Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched a blistering attack against the BRS and his predecessor K. Chandrasekhar Rao in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday. Delivering a fiery two-and-a-half-hour speech while replying to the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, he chided Rao's glaring absence from Assembly sessions. He pointed out that despite drawing a staggering ₹57.84 lakh in salary and allowances over the past 15 months, Rao had attended sessions for a mere two days.

Reddy lambasted the former chief minister for being the only legislator to brazenly skip Assembly proceedings. He had also failed to make a single field visit to address public concerns, even as he pocketed hefty payments from the government in the last 15 months. Sharpening his attack, Revanth Reddy slammed Chandrasekhar Rao for prioritising his "stature" over the state's welfare, taking direct



aim at BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao's recent defence of his father's absence stating that "Revanth lacked the 'stature' of KCR and that's why there was no need for the latter" to attend the Assembly. "What is the use of a stature that fails to recognise good as good? Those obsessed with their stature have no regard for the state's future," Revanth Reddy declared. The Chief Minister defended his recent "mortuary" remarks, clarifying that his statement was directed at the BRS and not its president. "I said that by defeating the BRS in the Assembly polls, people had already put them on a stretcher, and if they don't mend their ways, they will be sent to the mortuary soon. **CONTINUE:P2**

EC Mulls Mandatory Aadhaar-Voter ID Link to Curb Duplicates

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The Election Commission is set to explore making Aadhaar linkage with voter ID cards mandatory in an effort to resolve persistent issues with duplicate registrations. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has scheduled a high-level meeting for Tuesday with top officials, including the Union home secretary, secretary of the legislative



department, and the CEO of UIDAI, to discuss integrating the Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) with Aadhaar. Currently, linking Aadhaar to voter IDs remains

optional following a Supreme Court ruling, and despite the Commission's ongoing efforts to encourage voluntary linkage, the initiative has met with considerable resistance. Concerns over electoral integrity have intensified after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee highlighted widespread duplication of EPIC numbers, suggesting the issue might be exploited to influence voting outcomes. **CONTINUE:P4**

Kavach Research hub soon in Secunderabad

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The Narendra Modi-led Central government has decided to establish a Kavach Research Institute in Secunderabad as part of its broader efforts to strengthen the development and implementation of Kavach, India's indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, which aims to

enhance railway safety and efficiency. The Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (Iriset) already houses a Centre of Excellence for Kavach.

Announcing the decision here on Saturday, Union minister G. Kishan Reddy expressed happiness over Telangana securing a world-class research institute, which



will focus on research, development and training related to Kavach technology. Kavach has already been deployed as a

pilot project over 1,548 route km (rkm) across key corridors, and work is progressing on important **CONTINUE:P8**

Actor Ranya Rao's DGP-Rank Stepfather Sent on Compulsory Leave



The Karnataka government on Saturday placed DGP-rank officer K Ramachandra Rao on compulsory leave. K V Sharath Chandra, Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment), will replace him, the GO added. Rao's stepdaughter and Kannada actress Ranya Rao aka Harshavardhini Ranya, was arrested on March 3 at Kempegowda International Airport for allegedly smuggling gold from Dubai. An IPS officer, Rao was serving as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation. The Karnataka government, on March 10, appointed Additional Chief Secretary Gaurav Gupta to probe Rao's possible involvement in Ranya's alleged gold smuggling activities. **CONTINUE:P4**

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KCR Took ₹57.84L Salary, Attended 2 Days: CM Revanth Reddy

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) and his predecessor K. Chandrasekhar Rao in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday. In a fiery two-and-a-half-hour speech, Reddy criticized Rao's absence from Assembly sessions and his failure to address public concerns. Reddy highlighted that despite drawing a salary and allowances totaling ₹57.84 lakh over the past 15 months, Rao attended Assembly sessions for only two days. He accused Rao of being the only legislator to brazenly skip Assembly proceedings and failing to make a

single field visit to address public issues. Reddy slammed Chandrashekar Rao for prioritizing his "stature" over the state's welfare. He responded to K.T. Rama Rao's defense of his father's absence, stating that Rao's stature was irrelevant if it did not benefit the state. Reddy clarified that his "mortuary" remarks were directed at the BRS, not its president. He asserted that the people had reduced BRS to a "big zero" in the Lok Sabha elections. Reddy accused BRS leaders of misinterpreting Governor Jishnu Dev Varma's address and misleading the public. He emphasized that the Governor's speech only contained issues approved by

the state cabinet. Reddy blamed the BRS for failing to protect Telangana's water interests. He criticized the BRS for agreeing to a water allocation that was insufficient for the state and for remaining silent on Andhra Pradesh's enhancement of the Pothi-reddypadu project's capacity. Reddy highlighted that his government had provided 57,924 government jobs within a year and reduced the unemployment rate from 22.9% to 18.1%. He emphasized pro-farmer policies, including waiving crop loans worth Rs 20,624 crore and enhancing the Rythu Bharosa benefit to Rs 12,000 per acre per year. Reddy condemned the

BRS for shutting down 5,000 schools. He announced initiatives to empower women, including free bus travel, subsidized cooking gas, and the distribution of high-quality saris. Reddy expressed confidence in his government's future, stating that the Congress party would continue to rule Telangana for the next 30 years while BRS and Chandrashekar Rao would remain in the opposition. He invited constructive suggestions from Rao but warned that defending past failures would further alienate the BRS from the people. In his speech, Reddy also touched upon the employment situation, highlighting that his government had provided 57,924 gov-

ernment jobs within a year and had reduced the unemployment rate from 22.9 per cent to 18.1 per cent. He emphasized the importance of agriculture to Telangana's economy and pointed out that the Congress government had waived crop loans worth Rs 20,624 crore in a single stroke, relieving farmers from debt. Reddy criticized the BRS government's decision to stop the release of Rythu Bandhu benefits in 2023 under the pretext of the Assembly election code. In contrast, his government had released Rs 7,625 crore and deposited it within three months after coming to power. He also mentioned that the Rythu Bharosa benefit was enhanced to Rs 12,000 per acre per year,

compared to the Rs 10,000 Rythu Bandhu benefit extended by the BRS government. To support the landless poor, the Congress government is providing Rs 12,000 annually under the Indiramma Atmiya Bhariosa scheme. The government has also given Rs 1,206 crore bonus to farmers and had produced 1.56 crore metric tonnes of paddy without relying on the Kaleshwaram project. Additionally, a farmers' commission has been established to address farmers' grievances. The Chief Minister highlighted his government's efforts in social welfare and employment generation. He pointed out that they had provided free bus travel to women, subsidized cooking gas at Rs

500 per cylinder, and ensured 200 units of free electricity for poor households. Reddy condemned the BRS government for shutting down 5,000 schools and assured that his government was empowering women by awarding school uniform stitching contracts to self-help groups. He also announced the distribution of 30 crore high-quality saris to women's groups, replacing the poor-quality Bathukamma saris that were distributed by the BRS government earlier. Reddy challenged Chandrashekar Rao for a debate on the disputes stemming from the Krishna river in the Assembly. He said that he would apologize on the floor of the house if he

was proven wrong. He found fault with Chandrashekar Rao for enjoying fish curry at YSRC leader Roja's residence when he was chief minister and making statements to turn Rayalaseema as "Ratanala Seema" while neglecting Palamuru projects in Telangana, which were crucial for Telangana's water security. Reddy invited suggestions from Chandrashekar Rao based on his experience but criticised the BRS for prioritising commissions and political alliances over people's welfare. He reiterated his belief that Telangana's people had opted for a change after a decade of what he called "dictatorship and destruction."

Govt Acting with Bias in Council: Kavitha

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The Telangana Legislative Council witnessed dramatic protests as BRS MLCs demanded an apology from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for his alleged derogatory remarks against Telangana's first Chief Minister, K. Chandrashekar Rao. The Council resounded with slogans of "Jai Telangana" as BRS members voiced their outrage. As tensions escalated, BRS MLCs staged a walkout in protest and



proceeded to address the media at the Legislative Council's media point. Speaking at the press conference, MLC Kavitha strongly criticized Congress and

BJP MLCs, accusing them of repeatedly spreading falsehoods in the Council. She alleged that whenever BRS members attempted to counter

these claims, the Chairman dismissed their objections, labeling them as a "nuisance." Kavitha demanded that such remarks be removed from official records, stating that similar biased behavior was evident in the past when BRS members were spoken to disrespectfully. Further, she expressed concern over the alleged sidelining of BRS members in the Council, claiming they were not given proper representation. Kavitha also accused the government of act-

ing in a partisan manner by suspending BRS legislators in the Assembly while allowing unparliamentary language against them in the Council. Condemning what she described as unfair treatment, she asserted that the ruling government was deliberately suppressing the voice of BRS members. The protest highlighted growing tensions between the ruling Congress government and the opposition BRS, with the latter demanding accountability and fair treatment in the state legislature.

Revanth Reddy 'clarifies' on remarks on KCR, but takes fresh jibes

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday clarified his recent "mortuary" remarks against BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, claiming that his comments targeted the party, not the Opposition leader personally. He assured that if the former Chief Minister attended the Assembly, he would ensure that he was not mistreated. However, Revanth Reddy criticised Chandrashekar Rao's absence from the House,

pointing out that he had attended only twice while drawing a salary of Rs 57.84 lakh over the last 15 months. He said his wish that Chandrashekar Rao remained in the Opposition for next 20 years, while he continued as Chief Minister, with Bhatti Vikramarka as Finance Minister. He said he had no interest in the Opposition leader's chair and went on to claim that if something were to happen to KCR, the real power struggle would be between KT Rama Rao and T Harish

Rao. Addressing the Assembly, Revanth Reddy alleged that the BRS president was facing threats from within his own family, leading to increased police security and distancing from relatives. He accused the BRS leaders of deriving psychotic pleasure from the suffering of Telangana's people and celebrating even as farmers committed suicide. He blamed the party for obstructing development and instigating protests over land issues in places like Lagacherla.

Revanth Reddy's plan for digital media regulation sparks debate

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's proposal to regulate digital media has triggered a debate on free speech and political duplicity. While social media platforms, particularly YouTube channels, have become battlegrounds for political abuse, the Chief Minister's own past remarks have come under scrutiny. Revanth Reddy, known for his aggressive rhetoric, had used abusive language as TPCC president before the Assembly elections and continues to do so as Chief Minister. Even while proposing to



bring legislation to regulate abusive language on digital platforms, he threatened to "strip, thrash, and parade" those posting offensive content, drawing sharp criticism for the language he used, ironically to threaten those allegedly using abusive language against him. "Those who are posing as journalists and commit mistakes will be viewed

as criminals. They will be stripped, chased and thrashed," he said, again stating quite ironically that whatever he did, would be done as per law. This raised the question of which law permitted the stripping, thrashing and parading of any person. BRS leaders have accused him of hypocrisy, pointing out that he once encouraged YouTube-based journalists to target the previous BRS government. They reminded his support for suspended MLC Chintapandu Naveen alias Teenmaar Mallanna, notorious for using abusive language on his channel. While none would sup-

port the abusive language on social media, especially digital media, the Chief Minister's remarks in the Assembly regarding the arrest of two women journalists and threats of public humiliation of his critics, have been condemned. BRS leaders argue that his calls for women's empowerment stand in stark contrast to such statements. Citing "the law of karma", BRS MLC K Kavitha said that Revanth Reddy was now facing the same hostility he once directed at his opponents, proving that political rhetoric often comes full circle.

Congress-BRS Misleading TG, Failing People: Bandi Sanjay

Khammam
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BJP's Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government and the BRS party, accusing them of misleading the public and failing to address key issues. He dismissed allegations that the Centre was neglecting Telangana, stating that both Congress and BRS were spreading misinformation about the state's financial support from the Union government. Addressing concerns over parliamentary seat delimitation, he clarified



that the Centre has not taken any decision on the matter and refuted claims that injustice was being done to South India. He also accused the Congress and BRS of working together in Telangana with a hidden agenda, claiming that their supposed rivalry

was a façade designed to harm the BJP's prospects in the state. The minister criticized the Congress government for failing to implement its promises related to farmers' welfare and government employees' concerns. He also lashed out at the Te-

langana government for allegedly failing to curb the drug menace in the state while prioritizing extravagant events like the Miss World competition. He further accused the previous KCR-led BRS government and the current Congress government of engaging in "compromise politics" on key issues such as phone tapping and liquor-related scams. Observers suggest that Bandi Sanjay's remarks reflect the BJP's strategy to intensify pressure on the Congress government while attempting to highlight contradictions in the Congress-BRS relationship.

MLAs and Mala Sangha Leaders Meet CM Revanth Reddy to Strengthen Community

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Dp srinivas rao
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In a significant move toward fostering collaboration and addressing key community concerns, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and leaders of the Mala Sangha Joint Action Committee (JAC) met with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy today. The high-level discussion focused on empowering the Mala community through education, employment, and social welfare initia-



tives. Leading the meeting were MLAs Dr. G. Vivek Venkataswamy, G. Vinod, and K. R. Nagaraju Garu, alongside prominent Mala Sangha leaders, including JAC Chairman G. Chennaiah, Convener Sarvaiah, and Co-chairman Burgula Venkateshwarlu. Other in-

fluential members such as G. Shankar, Gopaju Ramesh, and Janga Srinivas also participated in the discussions. The meeting emphasized the need for policies that uplift the Mala community through education and vocational training. The leaders

stressed the importance of greater participation of grassroots organizations in policy-making to ensure their concerns are effectively addressed. Proposals were discussed for improving living standards and social equity through a collaborative approach between the government and community organizations. The discussions also highlighted the need for continuous engagement between state leadership and community representatives to drive meaningful change.

CM Revanth Reddy Misleading People, Disrespecting KCR: Koppula Eshwar

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Former Minister Koppula Eshwar strongly condemned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's comments on former CM KCR, calling them misleading and unethical. He accused Revanth Reddy of making false claims in the Assembly and misleading the public. Eshwar alleged that the CM is targeting opposition leaders like KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao instead



of addressing the concerns of the people. He criticized Revanth Reddy for speaking against KCR, who led Telangana's development for a decade. He also slammed the CM for wishing ill upon KCR, stating that it was akin to wishing harm to Telangana itself. Eshwar

questioned the government's borrowing of ₹1.58 lakh crore in just 15 months and expressed concerns about the state's financial future under Congress rule. Criticizing the Congress government, he pointed out the hardships faced by farmers, including long waits for urea and incomplete loan waivers. He also questioned the impact of free bus travel for women and the unfulfilled promise of ₹2,500 assistance. Eshwar highlighted that

crops are drying up in several districts despite water availability in Kaleshwaram. He stated that while the ruling party may suppress the opposition, they cannot silence the people of Telangana. He reminded that BRS leaders had sacrificed positions for Telangana's cause, while Congress leaders had compromised Telangana's formation for power. Demanding justice, Koppula Eshwar urged the Assembly to revoke the suspension of MLA Jagadish Reddy.

Congress Fails Minorities, Halts Tellapur Development: Harish Rao

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Former Minister Harish Rao participated in an Iftar dinner organized by former Tellapur Municipal Chairman Somireddy, along with local BRS leaders and councilors. Expressing happiness at attending the event, Harish Rao emphasized the unity between Hindus and Muslims in Telangana, stating that the Iftar dinner is a symbol of mutual respect and religious harmony. He praised Somireddy for hosting the Iftar dinner for the past 20 years and took the opportunity to criticize the Congress govern-



ment's treatment of minorities. Harish Rao accused the ruling party of failing to fulfill its promises, stating that although Congress pledged Rs. 4,000 crores for minority welfare, only Rs. 3,000 crores were allocated in

the budget, and less than Rs. 1,000 crores have been utilized so far. He alleged that the funds spent were limited to minority Gurukuls established during KCR's tenure, with no support provided for minority youth or women.

Highlighting the unfulfilled promises, Harish Rao pointed out that the Shaadi Mubarak scheme has not been implemented, and there is no assurance of gold or silver allocations. He also criticized the Congress government for failing to increase honorariums for Imams and Mauzams and for stopping the distribution of Ramzan gifts. Furthermore, he alleged that communal clashes have increased since the Congress took power, unlike during KCR's leadership, when communities lived harmoniously. Harish Rao also accused the Congress government of neglecting Tellapur

Municipality by canceling Rs. 50 crores of previously sanctioned funds. He highlighted the BRS government's past contributions, including the allocation of five acres of land worth Rs. 500 crores for a function hall and Rs. 10 crores for its construction. He also criticized the cancellation of a proposed vegetable and non-vegetable market project. Demanding that the pending funds be released for the development of Tellapur, Harish Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of making empty promises and failing to take action on crucial development projects.

BRS Urges Speaker to Revoke Jagadish Reddy's Suspension

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Legislative Assembly party has formally requested the Speaker to lift the suspension of Suryapet MLA G. Jagadish Reddy. BRS leaders argued that the suspension was unfair, asserting that Jagadish Reddy did not act disrespectfully towards the Speaker during the assembly sessions. According to BRS leaders, the Congress government's decision to suspend Jagadish Reddy was unilateral, made without consulting floor leaders or seeking an explanation from the party. They criticized the ruling party for imposing the



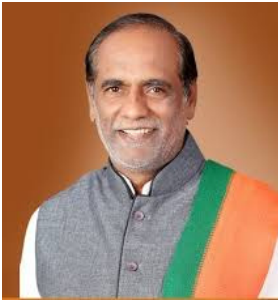
suspension without even allowing Jagadish Reddy to present his side. The suspension stemmed from certain comments made by Jagadish Reddy in the previous assembly session. His statement, "The House belongs to all of us, not just to you," became a contentious issue, drawing objections from Congress members. Fol-

lowing this, the government decided to suspend him. In response, the BRS legislative party met the Speaker and urged him to reconsider the decision. The party emphasized that their request aimed at ensuring equal opportunities for all members and maintaining fairness in the House proceedings.

Dr. K Laxman Slams TG Govt for Auctioning HCU Land, Warns of BJP Agitation

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BJP MP and National President of BJP OBC Morcha, Dr. K Laxman, strongly condemned the Telangana Government's decision to auction 400 acres of land belonging to Hyderabad Central University (HCU). Speaking at the BJP State Office in Nampally, he criticized the Congress-led government for prioritizing corporate interests over education and environmental protection. The land in question, located in HCU's East Campus, is home to the iconic Mushroom Rock, national bird peacocks, deer, and various rare flora and fauna. BJP leaders argue that selling this ecologically and academically



significant area reflects the Congress government's negligent approach. According to a press release from the Telangana State Industries and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TSIIC), the land in Kancha Gachibowli, Serilingampalli, is set for auction between March 8-15, with an estimated value of ₹10,000 crore. However, BJP asserts that this site rightfully belongs to HCU, as 2,300 acres were originally allotted under Sur-

vey No. 25 by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh government for educational and research purposes. Dr. Laxman criticized the Congress government for contradicting its stance against corporate privatization. "Congress claims to oppose corporate takeovers, yet it is now auctioning university land for private interests. This move exposes their double standards," he said. BJP has demanded an immediate reversal of the decision and reallocation of the land to the university. Warning of strong agitation if the auction proceeds, Dr. Laxman reaffirmed BJP's commitment to protecting educational institutions and environmental heritage.

Govt grabbing 400 acres of UoH land, Say students

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The University of Hyderabad (UoH) students' union lashed out at the state government's move to auction 400 acres of land in Kancha Gachibowli, accusing it of "deceit" and a deliberate erosion of public educational spaces. Terming it as a veiled 'land grab', they said that this move threatens the university's autonomy, biodiversity and the academic future of students. In a strongly worded statement, the union slammed the government's justification of the auction as a step towards "further development." They argued that the land, originally allocated for higher education and research, is now being diverted for business, IT,

and 'other' projects, disregarding its ecological and academic significance. "Why does the government continue to alienate land from a premier educational institution instead of strengthening its academic and research potential?" the students wondered. The decision has triggered massive protests on the campus, with students and environmental activists rallying against the auction. Many fear that the sale would lead to large-scale deforestation, loss of biodiversity and irreversible environmental damage. The land is home to diverse flora and fauna, including rare bird species, and functions as an informal green reserve in Hyderabad's expanding urban landscape. The 400-acre land in

survey No. 25 was allotted to the university in 1974 for academic and research purposes. Over the years, significant portions have been diverted for non-educational purposes, including for a bus depot and a stadium. The students pointed to past incidents where UoH land was allocated for external projects, reducing space meant for education and research. A similar situation occurred in 2004 when land meant for the university was given to IMG Academics Bharata, leading to legal disputes. Although the project was scrapped, the land was later transferred to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), limiting the university's expansion. "This is not just about land. It's about protecting a public university from

systematic shrinkage and privatisation," charged a protesting student. One of the major concerns is the ecological impact of the auction. Students argue that the government's claim that the land is 'not forest land' is misleading, as its classification does not diminish its ecological importance. "Just because an area is not officially designated as forest land does not mean that it lacks ecological value. This land is a crucial green lung for Hyderabad, and its destruction will have severe environmental consequences," said one of the protestors. The union has criticised the lack of transparency in the government's decision, stating that no clear development plan has been shared with the public. They demanded the government to reconsider

the sale and prioritise academic sustainability over commercial interests. "A judgment may be legally valid, but that doesn't make it right. This land was meant for education and research. Once it's sold, it's lost forever," said a member of the UoH Students' Union. In a related move and to put pressure on the state government, a joint action committee (JAC) has been formed to spearhead the agitation. It will comprise the students' union, teachers' association, workers' union, and non-teaching employees' union. The JAC has vowed to challenge the move legally and politically. It demanded an immediate halt to all auction proceedings and called for the land to be officially transferred to the university.

Telangana Health min urges corporate sector to support TB patients with nutrition

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In a significant move to combat tuberculosis (TB), Telangana's Health and Medical minister, Damodar Raja Narasimha, has called upon corporate entities to come forward and support TB patients by providing nutrition. The appeal comes as part of the state's intensified efforts to eradicate TB, a disease that continues to affect many in the region. On Saturday, represen-

tatives from the Telangana Small Scale Industries Association presented a cheque for Rs 25 lakhs to minister Narasimha. The funds will be utilized to provide nutritional support to TB patients in Peddapalli district for a period of six months. The initiative aims to enhance the health and well-being of those undergoing TB treatment, emphasizing the importance of nutrition in their recovery. Minister Narasimha

commended the association's contribution, highlighting the role of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in supporting public health initiatives. He noted that such collaborations are crucial in ensuring that TB patients receive the necessary nutritional support during their treatment. The event was attended by key figures from the association, including President Phanikumar and members Jnaneshwar, Sridhar, and Prasad.

Hyderabad Cricket Association names seven-member panel for discussions with TCA

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The Apex Council of Hyderabad Cricket Association named the seven-member panel to represent the HCA and engage in discussions with the Telangana Cricket Association. The Council which convened an emergency

meeting here on Saturday informed that Messrs R Devraj (chairman), Manohar Rao (convenor), Ashok Anand, Zeeshan Mehmood, P Mahendra, Agam Rao and Ganesh Pai would "try to understand the concerns of the TCA regarding the development of cricket in Telangana (outside the City of Hyderabad).

BRS Protests CM Revanth Reddy Remarks, Boycotts Assembly Speech

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Former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy and BRS leaders launched a strong protest against Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his alleged remarks against former CM and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). The BRS party boycotted the CM's speech in the assembly on Sunday, citing derogatory comments and lack of clarity on governance promises. The BRS leaders criticized Revanth Reddy's three-hour-long address, stating that it failed to provide concrete details on the implementation of the six guarantees and the 420 promises made by the Congress government. Addressing the ongoing controversy regarding the opposition leader's office, Prashanth Reddy alleged



that the government deliberately did not allocate a chamber to the Leader of Opposition out of resentment towards KCR. He further stated that KCR rightfully took possession of the chamber, which was an insult to the ruling government. Taking a dig at Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, the BRS leaders accused him of misleading the Assembly regarding loan waivers. Prashanth Reddy challenged the government, stating that the previous BRS administration had waived Rs. 29,000 crore in two installments, whereas the Congress government

had managed only Rs. 21,000 crore across four installments. "If Bhatti Vikramarka can prove that the Congress government has waived off more loans than the BRS government in my constituency, I am ready to resign from my position," Prashanth Reddy declared. BRS whip KP Vivekananda accused Revanth Reddy of using derogatory language in the House and making baseless allegations against KCR and his family. He further criticized the Chief Minister for allegedly resorting to threats, warning opposition leaders that cases would be filed against them if they spoke against the government. "If Revanth Reddy, who has taken bribes in the past, attacks others in the Assembly, who should file a case against him?" questioned Vivekananda.

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma inaugurates Yashoda Hospital's 'Hyderabad Arthroscopy Conclave-2025'

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A two-day International Conference & Live Workshop on the Future of Arthroscopic Surgery under the auspices of 'Hyderabad Arthroscopy Conclave-2025' organized by Yashoda Hospitals-Secunderabad, was inaugurated by Governor, Jishnu Dev Varma, here on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said more and more youth in India are now turning towards sports to be physically fit and healthy. India is making inroads in the field of sports worldwide. Sports injuries are one of the most common orthopedic injuries in a country like India, where



sports are a passion for people of all ages. Yashoda Hospitals Group Director,

Dr. Pavan Gorukanti, said this is the first time in Telugu states that more than 60 including International fac-

ulty have gathered in Hyderabad to share their expertise and knowledge. He also added that this programme garnered tremendous interest among Orthopaedic surgeons, Physiotherapists, medical trainees from all over India as more than 600 delegates participated in this meeting. Dr. R.A. Purnachandra Tejaswi, Organising Chairman and Senior Sports Orthopaedics and Arthroscopy surgeon, Yashoda Hospitals, Secunderabad said "With the rapid advancements in arthroscopic technologies, it is crucial that we stay updated to continue providing the best care for our patients."

Congress to Gherao Odisha Assembly on March 27 over Women’s Safety, Leader’s Suspension

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The Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) has announced plans to gherao the State Assembly on March 27 in protest against the alleged rise in atrocities against women and the suspension of senior leader Tara Prasad Bahinipati for his alleged “unruly” behavior. The decision was taken during a meeting at the Congress Bhawan, chaired by state party chief Bhakta Charan Das. This marks an escalation in the Congress’s aggressive posture under Das’s leadership, both inside and outside the Odisha Legislative Assembly. The party has seized on the issue of women’s safety to corner the ruling

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). On Monday and Tuesday, Congress MLAs created a commotion in the Assembly, demanding a response from Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. Bahinipati, a five-time MLA from Jeypore, was seen climbing onto the Speaker’s podium and damaging the microphone. In response, Speaker Surama Padhy suspended him for seven days on Tuesday, citing disorderly conduct. The Congress, which lost power to the BJD-BJP alliance in 2000, has struggled to regain political relevance in the state. Internal divisions, neglect from the central leadership, and the absence of a clear political agenda have weakened the party’s position.

Dr Ambedkar's Statue Goes Missing 2 Days After Installation In MP

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A newly installed statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, has gone missing from a village in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district. The incident occurred just two days after the statue was placed on a pedestal in an open space in Bari village, triggering an investigation by the police. According to officials, the 18-inch-tall stone statue was installed on Tuesday, following a community-funded effort by the villagers. However, it was reported missing soon after, prompting local authorities to register a case of theft. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Vedita Dagar confirmed the incident, stating, "We received a complaint regarding the theft of Dr. Ambedkar's statue from Bari village, which falls under the Garhi Malhara police station jurisdiction, approximately 12 km

from the district headquarters. A case has been registered, and efforts are underway to apprehend the culprits." Sarpanch of Bari village, Asharam Ahirwar, revealed that the statue was purchased from Uttar Pradesh through crowdfunding by the local community. Expressing concern over the theft, he mentioned that the police have detained two individuals for questioning in connection with the incident. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a revered social reformer and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, was born on April 14, 1891, in Mhow Cantonment, Indore district, Madhya Pradesh. The disappearance of his statue has sparked outrage among villagers, who are demanding swift action to locate the missing statue and bring the culprits to justice. Authorities continue to investigate the case, assuring the villagers that strict action will be taken against those responsible.

Love for Bharat unites us all: Amit Shah gifts guitar to Mizoram's 7-year-old singing prodigy

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during his visit to the Northeast, gifted a guitar to 7-year-old Mizoram prodigy Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte on Saturday after she performed a heartfelt rendition of Vande Mataram in Aizawl. "Love for Bharat unites us all. Deeply moved to listen to Mizoram's wonder kid Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte, singing Vande Mataram in Ai-

zawl today. The seven-year-old's love for Bharat Mata poured out into her song, making listening to her a mesmerizing experience," Shah wrote in a post on X. Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte, a young singing sensation from Mizoram, first gained nationwide attention in 2020 when a video of her singing 'Maa Tujhe Salaam' went viral. Her powerful voice and patriotic spirit earned her widespread admiration. She received multiple awards from the Mizo-

ram government, including a special appreciation from the Governor. Home Minister Amit Shah is on a three-day visit to Assam since March 14. However, on Saturday, March 15, he visited Mizoram, where he attended the land transfer ceremony for the Assam rifles' land being transferred to the Mizoram government. Speaking at the event, Shah praised the Assam Rifles for serving the people. "The Assam Rifles has served the

people of Mizoram through the guiding principle of security through fraternity. Today, the force set an exemplary standard in commitment to the people by handing over a significant portion of its land to the state govt for the benefit of the people," Shah's post on X read. Addressing the gathering, Shah highlighted how the relocation of the Assam Rifles Headquarters from Central Aizawl to Zokhaw-sang marked a signifi-

cant milestone in the Indian government's commitment to the development of Mizoram. Shah said that this move is not just an administrative decision but a symbol of the government's responsibility towards the Mizo people. Due to the state's unique topography, the Mizo people have been demanding relocation for over 35 years. "This demand, which has been around for 30-35 years, is now set to be fulfilled due to an important decision by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is not just an administrative decision but a symbol of the Indian government's responsibility towards the Mizo people," he said. Shah highlighted how the Modi government has been transforming the Northeast over the last ten years across various sectors--including tourism, technology, agriculture, and entrepreneurship--to foster growth and unity in the region.

Actor Ranya Rao’s DGP-Rank Stepfather Sent on Compulsory Leave

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The Karnataka government has placed DGP-rank officer K Ramachandra Rao on compulsory leave effective Saturday. K V Sharath Chandra, Additional Director General of Police (Recruitment), will take over his responsibilities, as per the official government order. This move comes in the wake of the arrest of Rao's stepdaughter, Kan-

nada actress Ranya Rao, also known as Harshavardhini Ranya, on March 3 at Kempegowda International Airport. She was detained for allegedly smuggling gold from Dubai. Rao, an IPS officer, was serving as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation. On March 10, the Karnataka government appointed Additional Chief



Secretary Gaurav Gupta to investigate Rao's potential involvement in the gold smuggling activities allegedly carried out by his stepdaughter.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized gold bars worth Rs 12.56 crore from Ranya upon her arrival from Dubai on March 3.

Subsequent searches at her residence yielded gold jewellery worth Rs 2.06 crore and Indian currency amounting to Rs 2.67 crore, as stated in a DRI press release. The DRI informed the Special Court for Economic Offences that Ranya had made 27 trips to Dubai since January. The investigation has revealed a sophisticated smuggling operation, including the use of a State Police Protocol Officer to bypass security

checks, hawala transactions to transfer funds from India to Dubai for gold purchases, and the involvement of a larger syndicate. In other news, the Karnataka government is also focusing on upgrading healthcare infrastructure in Raichur District. Additionally, 2,500 Olive Ridley turtles were recently released into the sea from the Karwar-Ankola coastline as part of conservation efforts.

Sonia Considered Pranab for PM Before 2014 Polls: Gautam Lahiri

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Nearly two years before the 2014 general election, then Congress president Sonia Gandhi considered Pranab Mukherjee, then the finance minister, to take over as Prime Minister in place of Dr Manmohan Singh. With the term of former President Pratibha Patil coming to an end on April 25, 2012, Mrs Gandhi was thinking of replacing her with the then PM, Dr Manmohan Singh. This revelation comes in a recently published Bengali biography of Pranab Mukherjee -- Pranab Mukherjee-Rajniti o Kutniti (Pranab Mukherjee -- Politics and Di-

plomacy) -- by journalist and author Gautam Lahiri. In the chapter “Sonia Shidhanta Nilen Pranab Hoben Pradhanmontri” (Sonia decided that Pranab will be Prime Minister), Lahiri writes that in 2012 Sonia Gandhi was concerned that Dr Singh might not be able to lead the party to success in the upcoming 2014 general election. She believed that Pranab Mukherjee would be the party's best option for securing a favourable outcome. "Pranab was also made aware of this particular line of thinking," Lahiri writes, and then added: "The same evening Pranab was in an excellent mood and of-

fered sweets to a group of Bengali journalists." When the Congress Party floated Dr Singh's name for the presidential election, it faced “stiff opposition” from both its UPA allies and the Opposition. The latter began suggesting Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as a potential candidate for a second term. Dr Kalam had previously served as President of India from 2002 to 2007. As Pratibha Patil's term neared its end, the ruling Congress became desperate in their search for a strong candidate. According to Lahiri, key figures from the BJP and the NDA, including L.K. Advani, Nitish Kumar and Bal Thack-

eray, signaled their willingness to support Pranab Mukherjee if he were nominated as the presidential candidate. Faced with this situation, Sonia Gandhi turned to Pranab for advice. Pranab warned her that if Dr. Singh was nominated as the UPA's official candidate for President, he would likely lose. He cautioned that a defeat in the presidential race would not only result in a “major loss of face” for the Congress-led UPA but could also undermine the government's moral authority, raising serious questions about its legitimacy and right to continue in power. Lahiri claims that, understanding the potential fallout,

Mumbai faces severe flood risks due to global "climate whiplash

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The weather in some of the world's most densely populated cities is becoming increasingly erratic, swinging from droughts to floods and back again as rising temperatures disrupt the global water cycle. A study commissioned by the charity WaterAid, released on Wednesday, highlights this phenomenon, with Indian cities such as Lucknow and Mumbai among those facing these unpredictable weather patterns. The study, which analyzed 42 years of weather data from over 100 of the world's most populous cities, found that South and Southeast Asia are experiencing the strongest wetting trends, while Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa are becoming drier. Researchers identified "climate whiplash" — a rapid succession of prolonged floods and droughts — as a significant challenge. China's Hangzhou and Indonesia's Jakarta topped the list of cities affected by this phenomenon. Michael Singer of the Water Research Institute at Cardiff University, one of the study's authors, noted that climate change will create "winners and losers." He emphasized that the impacts are already being felt, with some cities facing the dual threat of in-

creased flood and drought risks. Dallas, Shanghai, and Baghdad are among the cities experiencing this dual threat. The study also revealed that about 15% of the cities surveyed are dealing with the worst of both worlds, with extreme flood and drought risks rising simultaneously. Hangzhou, for instance, experienced over 60 days of extreme high temperatures last year and was also hit by severe floods that displaced tens of thousands of people. A fifth of the cities have seen a reversal in climate extremes. Colombo and Mumbai have become far wetter, while Cairo and Hong Kong are steadily drier. This shift poses significant challenges for urban infrastructure, which was often designed to address specific climate conditions that are now changing. Singer warned that cities will need to invest in adapting their infrastructure to cope with these new climate realities. A few cities, such as Tokyo, London, and Guangzhou, have experienced favorable changes, with significantly fewer wet and dry months over the past two decades compared to earlier periods. However, the overall trend highlights the urgent need for cities to prepare for a future marked by climate unpredictability.

Election Commission to Explore Mandatory Aadhaar-Voter ID Linkage Amid Concerns Over Duplicate Registrations

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) is set to deliberate on making Aadhaar linkage with voter ID cards mandatory in an effort to address persistent issues related to duplicate voter registrations. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has scheduled a high-level meeting on Tuesday, bringing together top officials, including the Union Home Secretary, the Secretary of the Legislative Department, and the Chief Executive

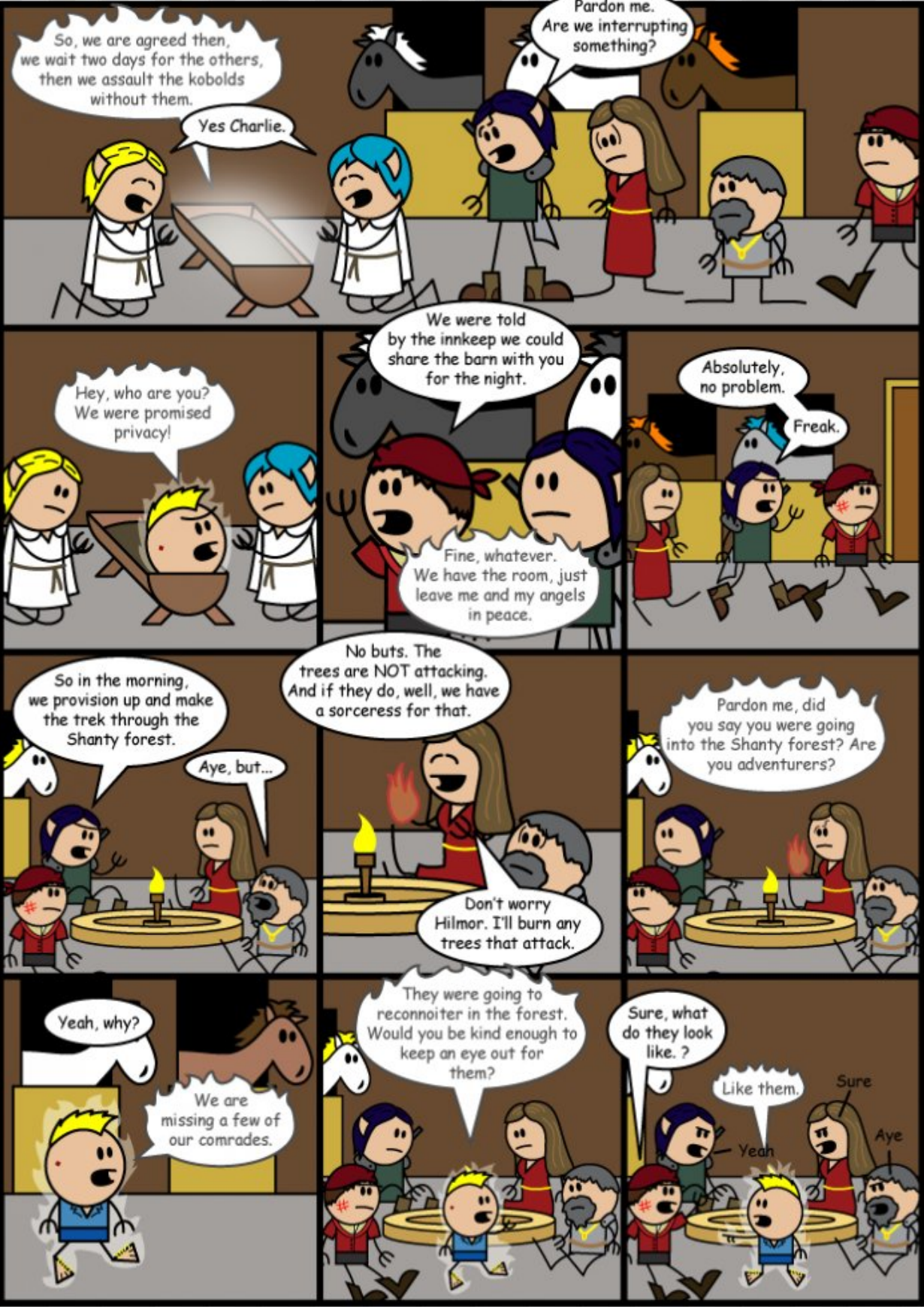
Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), to discuss the integration of the Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) with Aadhaar. Currently, Aadhaar-voter ID linkage remains optional following a Supreme Court ruling, despite the Election Commission's continued efforts to encourage voluntary enrollment. However, the initiative has faced significant resistance from various quarters. Concerns over electoral integrity have intensified, especially after West Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee flagged large-scale duplication of EPIC numbers, warning that such discrepancies could be misused to manipulate voting outcomes. The issue has also been highlighted by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which cited figures indicating over 13 lakh duplicate voter entries in West Bengal alone. According to BJP leaders, at least 8,415 individuals in the state reportedly share identical EPIC numbers, raising alarms over the authenticity of voter

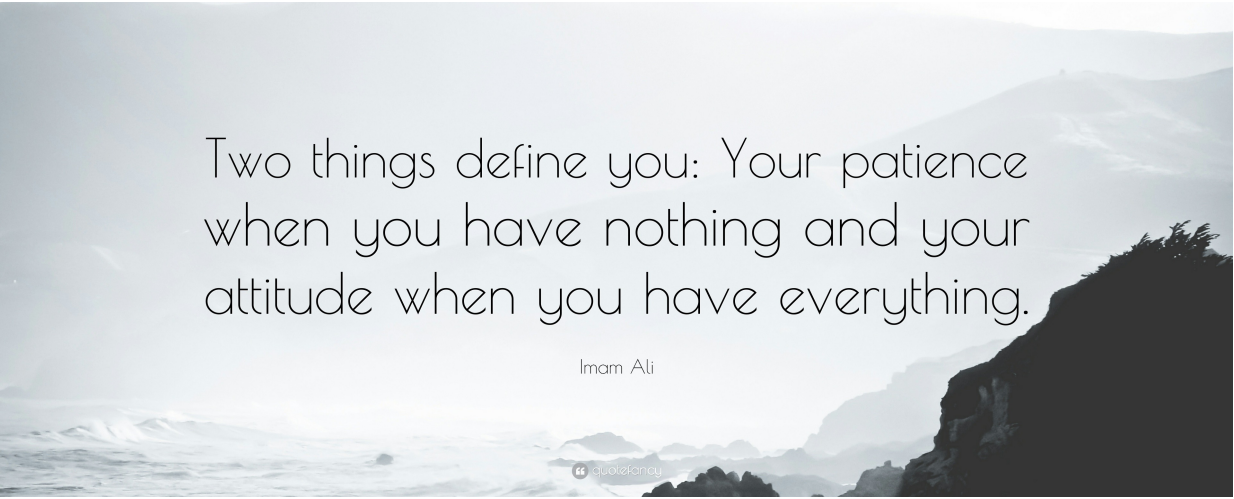
lists. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) has further escalated the matter by submitting a detailed five-page memorandum to the Election Commission. In its submission, the party alleged that state agencies were generating duplicate Aadhaar cards to facilitate fake voter registrations. The TMC has urged the Commission to implement stricter verification measures to curb electoral malpractices and ensure the credibility of voter rolls. In response to these concerns, the Election Commission

has announced a comprehensive plan to resolve the issue of duplicate EPIC numbers within the next three months. The upcoming meeting will examine possible legal solutions, including the introduction of new legislation to facilitate the seamless integration of Aadhaar with voter ID cards. As the debate over Aadhaar-voter ID linkage gains momentum, the Election Commission's decision could have significant implications for the electoral process, particularly in the run-

up to upcoming elections. While proponents argue that mandatory linkage would enhance electoral transparency and prevent fraud, critics continue to express concerns over privacy, data security, and the potential for voter disenfranchisement. The outcome of Tuesday's high-level discussions is expected to shape the Election Commission's strategy in tackling duplicate registrations and strengthening the integrity of India's electoral framework.



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EDITORIAL

TRUMP'S RECIPROCAL TARIFFS AND CHALLENGES

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The announcement by US President Donald Trump to impose reciprocal tariffs on imports from India and China has sent ripples across the global economic landscape. This move, set to take effect from April 2, 2025, is not just a trade policy adjustment but a significant geopolitical statement that could have far-reaching implications for India's economic strategies, the US economy and the future of globalisation.

As Hyderabad, a burgeoning hub of technology and manufacturing, watches closely, it is imperative to analyse the implications of this decision on India's economic well-being, its flagship initiatives like Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India, and the broader contours of international

trade.


The Economics Reciprocal tariffs, by definition, aim to level the playing field by ensuring that the tariffs imposed by one country on another are mirrored in return. While this might seem like a fair approach on the surface, the agreed-upon theories in international economics suggest a more nuanced reality. The principle of comparative advantage, a cornerstone of international trade theory, posits that countries should specialise in producing goods where they have a lower opportunity cost and trade for others. This specialisation leads to increased efficiency, lower prices, and higher overall welfare.

However, Trump's reciprocal tariffs disrupt this equilibrium. By imposing tariffs that mirror those of trading partners, the US risks igniting a trade war,

where escalating tariffs could lead to reduced trade volumes, higher prices for consumers and inefficiencies in production. For India, which has been striving to integrate more deeply into the global economy, this move could be particularly detrimental. Implications for India's Economy

India's economic relationship with the US is multifaceted, encompassing trade in goods and services, investment flows and technology transfer. The US is one of India's largest trading partners, and any disruption in this relationship could have significant repercussions.

- Trade deficit and export competitiveness: India has consistently run a trade deficit with the US, meaning it imports more from the US than it exports.



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The Editor



ED raids multiple locations in Bengaluru city in gold smuggling case

Sleuths of Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Thursday registered a first Information Report under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against actress Ranya Rao (33) an accused in gold smuggling case and conducted raids at multiple locations in Bengaluru city including the residences of the accused on Lavelle Road and an apartment in Koramangala. ED officials suspect money laundering in the gold smuggling case involving the actress who is currently in judicial custody on the order of Special Court for Economic Offences, Bengaluru. Ranya Rao is booked under Customs Act, 1962.

Sources said "It was a 12-hour raid conducted by ED officials on Ranya Rao's residences before they left with several documents to establish her links with international gold smugglers, if any." ED suspects "there are certain influential individuals involved in the gold smuggling." The raids might cover other cities such as Mumbai in coming days to bring to light the persons involved in gold smuggling.

Earlier, based on the information provided by officials of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, a central agency, sleuths of Central Bureau of Investigation registered a First Information Report against actress Ranya Rao over her alleged gold smuggling from Dubai. On March 3, DRI officials successfully intercepted Ranya Rao on her arrival from Dubai to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) near Bengaluru city and recovered foreign origin gold bars worth Rs 12.56 crore weighing about 14.2 kg. A team of ED officials conducted the raids to gather details to unearth Ranya Rao links with the international gold smugglers network reportedly from Dubai. During the raids on the residences of the accused, ED officials seized several documents, said sources.

Hyderabad Traffic Police hosts session on ambulance misuse, safety rules

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The Hyderabad Traffic Police organised a sensitisation session aimed at addressing several critical issues involving ambulance operations, focused on the misuse of ambulances and the adherence to traffic and safety regulations on Saturday.

Over 200 representatives from hospital managements, private ambulance agencies, and diagnostic centres attended.

Speaking at the ses-



sion, C Ramesh, Commissioner, Transport Department, emphasised the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act and the Ambulance Code, particularly the correct usage of sirens in ambulances. He highlighted that ambulances are life-

saving vehicles and should never be misused and revealed that considerable number ambulances were operating without fitness certificates and not paying taxes.

Joel Davis, Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Hyderabad

spoke at the event, sharing concerns about the violations committed by ambulance drivers on the road.

He warned against the misuse of sirens for non-emergency purposes like transportation of staff, diagnostic services and stressed the need to maintain logs for ambulance movements. Additionally, he suggested that hospitals and ambulance agencies to equip with breathe analysers to check the drivers.

HC Sets Aside Life Sentence in Vikarabad Murder Case

The Telangana High Court has overturned the conviction of five individuals accused in the 2006 Vikarabad murder case, citing significant procedural lapses and undue delays in the investigation. A division bench comprising Justice K. Surender and Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti presided over a series of criminal appeals filed by Md. Isaq and four others, challenging their conviction under the Indian Penal Code for murder and the subsequent life sentence imposed by the trial court. In the original trial, the court found the appellants, designated as Accused Nos. 1 to 5, guilty of murder, while acquitting ten other accused individuals due to a lack of sufficient evidence. The case revolved around the brutal killing of Narsing Rao, who was allegedly attacked by a group of assailants wielding swords, knives, and iron rods near the Railway Guest House in Vikarabad. The prosecution contended that the accused played a pivotal role in orchestrating and executing the attack, which resulted in Narsing Rao's death. However, upon reviewing the case, the High Court identified multiple discrepancies and inconsistencies that raised serious doubts about the integrity of the investigation. One of the most glaring issues highlighted by the bench was the delay in lodging the First Information Report (FIR). Although the police station was located a mere half a kilometre from the crime scene, the FIR was inexplicably registered only after an eight-hour delay. Furthermore, even after its registration, the FIR reached the magistrate's court only at 11 AM the following day, despite the court being situated just 10-15 minutes away from the police station. The judges observed that such an unwarranted delay cast doubt on the authenticity and spontaneity of the prosecution's case.

Another significant factor that influenced the court's decision was the contradictory nature of the eyewitness testimonies. One witness claimed that as many as 50 individuals participated in the attack, while another named only six accused persons. These inconsistencies weakened the prosecution's case and made it difficult to ascertain the exact sequence of events. Additionally, the court pointed out the unexplained failure of the police to act with due urgency and diligence.

Crypto Fraud Victims Protest at Home of Mastermind

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In a dramatic turn of events, a group of investors who fell prey to a large-scale cryptocurrency scam gathered outside the residence of Kasturi Rakesh, the alleged mastermind behind the fraudulent scheme. Rakesh is accused of orchestrating an elaborate financial deception through his crypto investment company, Meta Fund, by luring unsuspecting individuals with prom-

ises of exceptionally high returns.

According to the victims, Rakesh encouraged them to invest sums ranging from Rs 7 lakh to as much as Rs 70 lakh, assuring them of lucrative profits. However, despite repeated assurances, the investors have not received any returns on their investments. For the past eight months, Rakesh has consistently delayed refund requests, repeatedly pacifying investors with vague promises that their money would be returned the fol-

lowing day.

Frustrated by the endless delays and fearing the loss of their hard-earned money, the victims decided to take matters into their own hands. They assembled outside Rakesh's residence in an attempt to confront him directly. However, upon reaching his home, they discovered that he was absent. This led the enraged investors to stage a protest on the spot, demanding justice and immediate repayment of their funds. As tensions escalated, the protesters

sought police intervention. Law enforcement officials arrived at the scene and advised the victims to file a formal complaint, yet no official case has been registered thus far. Later, Rakesh returned to his residence and addressed the agitated investors, once again requesting more time to arrange refunds. His assurances temporarily pacified the crowd, leading them to delay filing a complaint for the time being.

Meanwhile, police officials have stated that they

Pawan Kalyan's "Hari Hara Veera Mallu" gets new release date

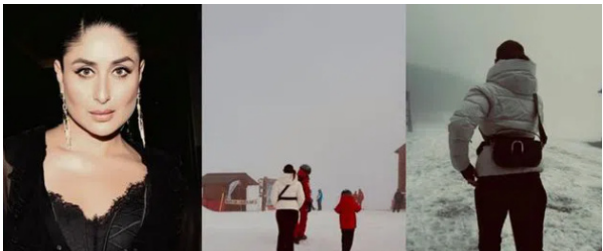


The much-awaited historical action drama "Hari Hara Veera Mallu Part 1- Sword vs Spirit", starring Pawan Kalyan, is now set to release on 9 May 2024, as announced by the makers on Friday, 14 March. Initially scheduled for 28 March, the film was postponed due to Pawan Kalyan's busy political commitments, leaving some portions incomplete. To ensure a proper release, the makers rescheduled it, making it a special festive treat for fans. Directed by Krish Jagarlamudi and produced by A. M. Rathnam, the film features Nidhi Agerwal as the female lead. Bobby Deol plays the antagonist, portraying Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, while M. M. Keeravani has composed the music.

Kareena Kapoor shares glimpses from her snowy vacation

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Kareena Kapoor Khan took to social media to share picturesque glimpses from her recent snowy vacation. The actress has given fans a peek into her serene getaway amidst snow-covered landscapes. Taking to her Instagram stories, the 'Uda Punjab' actress shared a few photos showcasing the winter wonderland she's enjoying. In the images, she can be seen bundled up in chic winter attire, surrounded by snow-capped mountains and frosty surroundings. The first image captures Kareena, with her back to the camera, standing alongside her son Taimur



and husband Saif Ali Khan, all immersed in a snow-covered landscape. The following two photos showcase the actress striking a pose once again with her back to the camera, against the backdrop of the breathtaking snowy vistas. One of the pictures read, "Into the snow baby." On March 13, Kareena and Saif were spotted at the Mumbai airport with their children, Taimur and Jeh, as they boarded a flight out of the city just ahead of the Holi

with a printed shirt and denim jeans. Meanwhile, Kareena Kapoor's most recent appearance was in "Singham Again," where she starred alongside Ajay Devgn. Directed by Rohit Shetty, this action-packed drama features an ensemble cast including Akshay Kumar, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, Deepika Padukone, Arjun Kapoor, and Jackie Shroff. It marks the fifth installment in Rohit Shetty's popular Cop Universe franchise. Saif, on the other hand, is gearing up for the release of his film "Jewel Thief: The Red Sun Chapter," directed by Siddharth Anand.

Salman Khan wraps up 'Sikandar' shoot, shaves off beard after final scene

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After wrapping up his much-anticipated film "Sikandar" alongside Rashmika Mandanna, Salman Khan cleaned his beard, which he had been maintaining for his character in the film. A source close to the production revealed, "It was a patch-work sequence between Salman and Rashmika in Bandra, and the team finished the shoot around 8:30 PM. Right after the shoot, Salman cleaned his beard, which he had been keeping for his look in Sikandar. In real life, Salman always prefers a clean-shaven look. The shooting for "Sikandar" has officially come to a close. The 'Kick' actor recently wrapped up the final phase of filming in Mumbai, alongside co-star Rashmika, director A.R. Murugadoss, and producer Sajid Nadiadwala. An insider revealed that a memorable moment from the day was when Salman shaved off his beard for the first time after completing the film's shoot. His fresh look has already taken over social media, with pictures of the superstar spreading quickly online. Although the main



shooting for Sikandar concluded in January, Salman, Rashmika, and the team returned in February and March to film some patch-up scenes and a promotional song. The source was quoted as saying, "The edit is locked, and work is progressing on colour grading, VFX, and background. The final prints of Sikandar will be completed in the next five days, marking the start of the countdown for the theatrical release." The upcoming action film was filmed over a span of 90 days across various locations in Mumbai, Hyderabad, and other parts of India. According to sources, Sikandar is

crafted for the big screen, blending signature elements of A.R. Murugadoss' storytelling—such as romance, politics, drama, and revenge—alongside thrilling action scenes. The film marks Salman's first onscreen collaboration with Rashmika. Directed by A.R. Murugadoss, the action drama also stars Kajal Aggarwal, Saathyaraj, Sharman Joshi, and Prateik Babbar. "Sikandar" marks the reunion of Salman Khan and producer Sajid Nadiadwala, who previously collaborated on the 2014 hit "Kick." The movie is slated to hit theatres during Eid 2025.

Actor Suman Pledges Support for BCs, Meets BCI Leaders



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Renowned film actor Suman met with the Backward Classes (BC) United Forum and other key leaders today to express his unwavering support for the BC community. The meeting was attended by Telangana State Sheep and Goat Breeding Professionals Association State Advisor Beri Ramachandra Yadav, Sandhana Veni Mahendra Nath Yadav, and Soudhani Bhumanna Yadav. During the discussion, Suman emphasized the importance of unity among BCs and assured that he would stand by them in their fight for rights and empowerment. He urged the community to move forward collectively, stating that he is committed to working tirelessly for their progress.

BC United Forum State President and Telangana State Sheep and Goat Breeding Professionals Association State Advisor, Bheri Ramachandra Yadav, appealed for proportional reservations for BCs in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. In response, Suman and the attending leaders expressed their full support for the cause. They assured that they would actively participate in the movement to secure the rights of BCs. Prominent figures such as TS GM TVS State Advisor and National BC Council Member Mahendra Nath Yadav, along with Sarpanchula Forum State President Soudhani Bhumanna Yadav, also participated in the meeting. The event underscored the collective determination of BC leaders and supporters to push for fair representation and opportunities for the community.

Australian cricketer David Warner's look from Telugu film Robinhood unveiled

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The makers of Robinhood have released the first look of Australian cricketer David Warner from the film. The poster, revealed on March 15, marks Warner's debut in Indian cinema with a special cameo. The caption reads, "After shining on the ground, it is time for him to shine on the silver screen." Robinhood stars Nithiin and Sreeleela and is directed by Venky Kudumula. The film is produced by Mythri Movie Makers, with music composed by G.V. Prakash Kumar. This project marks the second collaboration between Nithiin and Venky after their blockbuster romantic action-



comedy Bheeshma. Warner, who gained popularity in India through TikTok videos during the COVID-19 lockdown, has a strong fan base in the country. He has often expressed his love for Telugu cinema by performing hook steps from hit songs like 'Srivalli' from 'Pushpa' and 'Mind Block' from 'Sarileru Neekevvaru'.

Actor Manchu Vishnu visits Kannappa's birth place

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Actor Manchu Vishnu visited Utukur Village in Rajampet Mandal, Annamayya district, Andhra Pradesh, on Saturday. He visited Kannappa's house and the Utukur Shiva Temple, where he offered special prayers. This visit is part of the promotions for his up-

coming pan-Indian film Kannappa, which is set to release worldwide on April 25. Vishnu plays the lead role as Kannappa. The film is directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh. The star-studded cast includes Akshay Kumar as Lord Shiva, Kajal Aggarwal as Goddess Parvathi, Prabhas as Rudra, Mohanlal as Kirata, Mohan Babu as Mahadeva Shastri, Madhubala (Madhoo) as

Pannaga, Sarathkumar as Nathanathudu and Brahmanandam as Pilaka. Preity Mukundhan plays the female lead opposite Vishnu. Who Was Kannappa Kannappa, also known as Thinnadu, was a hunter who became a saint. His devotion to Lord Shiva was unique. One day, while hunting, he found a Shiva lingam in the forest. Without

knowing rituals, he offered water from his mouth and meat from his hunts, believing it to be the best he had. One day, he saw that the lingam's eye was bleeding. To stop it, he plucked out his own eye and placed it on the lingam. When the second eye started bleeding, he prepared to sacrifice his other eye. To ensure he placed it correctly, he marked the

spot with his foot. Seeing his deep devotion, Lord Shiva appeared, stopped him, and restored his eyesight. Shiva then blessed Kannappa with salvation. The Vayu Lingam he worshipped is what we currently worship at the Srikalahasteeswara Temple which is located in the town of Srikalahasti, Andhra Pradesh.

Religious scholars denounce public display of Zakat during Ramzan in Hyderabad

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The public display and show off that is intruding the distribution of 'zakat' during Ramzan, is attracting the ire of religious scholars and community leaders who argue that it disobeys the idea of executing the holy deed. Muslims calculate the zakat, one of the five pillars of Islam, on one's annual savings with at least 2.5 per cent of it to be distributed. It is mainly dis-

tributed during Ramzan. Dr Syed Rizwan Pasha Quadri, founder and president, The Quran Academy said that the donor should not do publicity and gather people on pretext of giving zakat. "The recipient should not feel embarrassed while accepting the donation. One should hunt for the most deserving family or person to make their good deed acceptable," said Rizwan Pasha. All India Majlis - e - Ittehadul Muslimeen,

president and Hyderabad MP, Asaduddin Owaisi while addressing a gathering during Youmul Quran at Jamia Masjid Mahboob Chowk, asked the community to avoid commercialising the Islamic obligation. "It has become a way for donors to make a video and play an emotional music in background to publicise their work. Please don't do it. Ask the religious scholars to know more about procedure for distribution of zakat, if you

don't know," he said. Zakat is obligatory for every Muslim who is 'sahib-e-nisaab', meaning one whose annual saving equals not less than the value of 77 grams gold or 520 grams silver. "There is great awareness about the zakat in community and many are coming forward and donating it," said Hafez Mohd Rizwan Qureshi, Khateeb, Mecca Masjid. The institutions imparting religious education are prioritised while donating the

zakat. It is followed by reputed organisations taking care of the educational and healthcare needs of the under privileged families, dignified survival of widows, divorcees, unemployed youth and people who have debts to clear. "The primary motive of the giver should be to ensure the recipients stand on his feet and transform his life to become a donor and help others," said Mujtaba Askari, president of Helping Hand Foundation. What is Zakat?

- Zakat means "to purify, to grow, and to increase" and is the third foundational pillar of Islam
- Conditions to be satisfied to make a person liable for Zakat:
- He/she should be Muslim
- Wealth should reach the minimum Nisab level
- One lunar year should pass from the date when the Nisab level was achieved
- Wealth is under the possession and control of the owner and he has the authority to

dispose of the wealth

- Wealth has the potential for growth or grows physically due to its utilisation in business or due to biological factors
- Wealth is generated after basic needs are satisfied i.e. food, home, clothing, transportation
- What is Nisab?
- Nisab is the minimum limit of wealth below which Zakat is not payable. However, if the wealth exceeds this minimum level, Zakat is payable. The Nisab limit for Gold is

7 ½ tolas while for Silver it is 52 ½ tolas or its equivalent

Zakat is applicable on six categories of wealth:

- Gold, Silver, financial products – cash, bank deposits, shares etc.
- Stock of merchandise or goods for trade
- Agricultural produce
- Livestock – herds of cattle – camels, cows, buffaloes, sheep and goats
- Rikaz (treasure troves): Buried precious metals or minerals

CITY CLICKS

Can RCB lift the IPL trophy in '18th' season?



Despite winning a single Indian Premier League (IPL) tournament in the last 17 seasons, Royal Challengers Bengaluru has always been one of the most loved franchises of the cash-rich league. All thanks to star player Virat Kohli. Their most popular tagline 'E Sala Cup Namde' becomes a meme material every time they are out of the trophy contention. Still the loyal fan-base clings onto the gritty side. Despite no title to their name, RCB had entered the finals thrice and made it to the playoffs nine times.

In a remarkable comeback in the last season, RCB had won six consecutive matches to secure a play-off's berth. However, Rajasthan Royals ended their streak in the eliminator. Nevertheless, fans are very confident and hopeful this time as it is the '18' season of IPL. Number 18 is a special digit for most of the 'Gold and Red' fans as it is the jersey number of Kohli. But what are their probabilities? The franchise has a balanced side with an impressive bowling line up that includes stars like Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Josh Hazlewood, Nuwan Thushara, Lungi Ngidi, Yash Dayal and Krunal Pandya.

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Rohit Sharma poised to lead India in England Test series!



Rohit Sharma is likely to lead the senior men's Indian team during the upcoming five-match Test series against England, according to media reports. Rohit's red-ball future was in a limbo after consecutive series losses against New Zealand and Australia. India lost a three match home series against the Black caps, while also tasting defeat in the all important Border Gavaskar Trophy down under. The star India opener was also not in a good touch with the bat in the whites, with his last 50 plus score in October 2024.

His poor form continued in Australia too. The big inning player's best score in his last three outings was 10. Rohit's bad-run prompted him to take a hard choice as he opted out of the final match of the series. The series outcome also dented India's World Test Championship (WTC) ambitions. However, on the flipside, a report published by reputed media house states that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is now backing Rohit after the victory in Dubai. With an unbeaten campaign, Rohit led the Blues to a remarkable triumph in the Champions Trophy. He even emerged as the Player of the Match (POTM) in the final with a stunning 76-run inning.

Rohit too had brushed off retirement speculations twice -- during the BGT final match and after the CT finals. He clarified that he would continue playing for a while as he is enjoying what he does with this team. He also sounded optimistic that he would be among the run scoring lot after four/five months. "I want to clarify that I am not going anywhere, I am not retiring. Representing India is not a joke. Everyone wants to represent India with a lot of integrity and a lot of pride as well," Rohit Sharma told the media after the Champions Trophy win. If the reports are true.

Harmanpreet dazzles as Mumbai Indians take second WPL crown; title jinx haunts Delhi Capitals

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Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's panache powered Mumbai Indians to their second Women's Premier League title as Delhi Capitals choked for the third time in succession losing by 8 runs in what turned out to be an exciting finale here on Saturday.

Harmanpreet saved her best for the big day as her scintillating 44-ball 66 was instrumental in taking MI to a fighting 149 for 7 despite an underwhelming effort from the other batters.<

While it seemed that MI were at least 15 runs short of what was a par-score on a good batting track, Delhi Capitals batters put undue pressure on themselves to finish at 141 for 9 despite late surge from Marizanne Kapp and teenager Niki Prasad.

Once MI's most impactful player through the tournament, Nat Sciver-Brunt removed DC skipper Meg Lanning with an off-cutter and

Shafali Verma, who has not shown any signs of improvement as far as his technique is concerned, was caught plumb in-front for shuffling to Shabnim Ismail, the chances for the visiting team were minimal.

Jemimah Rodrigues (30 off 21 balls) tried for a while and so did Marizanne Kapp (40 off 26 balls) but it didn't prove to be enough in the end.

Having batted like a champion, Harmanpreet's years of experience of being an international skipper of repute proved to be handy as she marshalled her resources admirably, rotating the bowlers, not allowing the batters to get settled.

Whether it was Sciver-Brunt (3/30), Shabnim Ismail (1/15), Amelia Kerr (2/25 in 4 overs) or Indian youngster Saika Ishaque (1/33 in 4 overs), MI got wickets just when DC seemed ready for a pushback.

Earlier, Delhi Capitals did well enough to restrict Mumbai Indians to a fighting 149 for 7.



Harmanpreet effortlessly shifted gears from the onset, starting with a short-arm swat pull off Annabel Sutherland and then three fours off left-arm spinner Jonassen. Cut above the rest of Indian women cricketers in terms of sheer quality, the manner in which the Indian skipper pierced the off-side field was a sight to behold.

She took on the opposition's most successful bowler of the tournament, Jonassen, who had to be taken off the attack by DC skipper Meg Lanning and the bowling changes suddenly didn't work.

At the other end, tourna-

ment's highest run-getter Sciver-Brunt (30 off 28 balls) completed her personal tally of 500 runs in this edition but for a change, played second fiddle, allowing Harmanpreet to enthrall the near-capacity Brabourne Stadium crowd that cheered her every stroke.

The duo added 89 in little over 10 overs but just when it looked that MI are setting themselves up for a big total, left-arm spinner Charani got Sciver-Brunt caught at square leg while trying to slog sweep.

From a safe 103 for 3, it became 118 for 6 in no time as Jonassen's twin

blows in the 16th over increased pressure on Harmanpreet. First it was Amelia Kerr, who had a torrid run with the bat, caught at the edge of the circle and then Sajeevan Sajana's attempted slog sweep went haywire as she was trapped leg-before.

Finally, it was Sutherland, who got the MI skipper, who went for one shot too many. MI ended at least 15 short of par score but it didn't hurt them one bit.

Score Board
Mumbai Indians
Yastika Bhatia c Rodrigues b Kapp 8, Hayley Matthews b Kapp 3, Nat Sciver-Brunt c Mani b Charani 30, Harmanpreet Kaur c Kapp b Sutherland 66, Amelia Kerr c Shafali Verma b Jonassen 2, Sajeevan Sajana lbw b Jonassen 0, G Kamalini st Bryce b Charani 10, Amanjot Kaur not out 14, Sanskriti Gupta not out 8; Extras: 8 (B-1 W-7); Total: 149 (For 7 wickets in 20 overs); Fall of wickets: 1/5 2/17 3/37 4/44 5/66 6/83 7/123 8/123 9/128; Bowling: Shabnim Ismail 4-0-15-1, Nat Sciver-Brunt 4-0-30-3, Hayley Matthews 4-0-25-2, Saika Ishaque 4-0-33-1

7/132; Bowling: Marizanne Kapp 4-0-11-2, Shikha Pandey 4-0-29-0, Annabel Sutherland 4-0-29-1, Jess Jonassen 3-0-26-2, Shree Charani 4-0-43-2, Minnu Mani 1-0-10-0

Delhi Capitals (Target: 150 runs from 20 overs)
Meg Lanning b Nat Sciver-Brunt 13, Shafali Verma lbw b Ismail 4, Jess Jonassen c Bhatia b Kerr 13, Jemimah Rodrigues c & b Kerr 30, Annabel Sutherland st Bhatia b Ishaque 2, Marizanne Kapp c Matthews b Nat Sciver-Brunt 40, Sarah Bryce run out 5, Niki Prasad not out 25, Shikha Pandey b Nat Sciver-Brunt 0, Minnu Mani c Sajana b Matthews 4, Shree Charani not out 3; Extras: 2 (LB-1 W-1); Total: 141 (For 9 wickets in 20 overs); Fall of wickets: 1/15 2/17 3/37 4/44 5/66 6/83 7/123 8/123 9/128; Bowling: Shabnim Ismail 4-0-15-1, Nat Sciver-Brunt 4-0-30-3, Hayley Matthews 4-0-37-1, Amelia Kerr 4-0-25-2, Saika Ishaque 4-0-33-1

City Union Bank ties up with Sunrisers Hyderabad as exclusive banking partner

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City Union Bank (CUB) has announced its partnership with Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) as their exclusive banking partner. Following this, the City Union Bank will be providing a variety of customised services and exclusive offers for SRH fans, players and staff blending the power of banking with the thrill of cricket. According to a bank press release here on Saturday, the bank will be offering exclusive banking products, including customised savings accounts, loans, and co-branded credit cards designed for SRH supporters.

The card holders can expect special rewards,



discounts on SRH merchandise, and access to exclusive fan experiences. In addition to this the CUB customers will receive exclusive offers on SRH merchandise, including jerseys, caps, and other memorabilia.

The bank will provide fans with seamless digital banking experiences, including easy-to-use mobile banking, contact less payment options and instant access to exclusive SRH promotions through their online platforms. The partnership will see CUB prominently featured on

SRH match days, with digital and on-ground activations aimed at increasing engagement with fans.

Speaking on the occasion, the Bank CEO and MD Dr N Kamakodi said the collaboration was a testament to bank's commitment to provide customers with more than financial services. Sunrisers Hyderabad CEO K Shanmugam said the CUB's innovative approach to banking aligned with SRH vision of providing a memorable experience to fans.

McLaren revvs up as Norris takes pole position at Formula One Australian Grand Prix

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TMcLaren locked up the front row in Melbourne for Sunday's Australian Grand Prix, having dominated its rivals, including Red Bull, Mercedes, and Ferrari — whose drivers, Charles Leclerc and Lewis Hamilton, will start from seventh and eighth on the grid.

Lando Norris set a searing final qualifying lap to secure pole position, his first at Melbourne's Albert Park, and milestone 10th overall, in front of his teammate Oscar Piastri, and a record Saturday crowd of 136,347 at Albert Park. "Not a bad way to start the year, thanks everyone," Norris said on his team radio shortly after the qualifying session ended ahead of Sunday's opening race of the Formula 1 season.



Hamilton was circumspect about his qualifying finish. "It isn't quite where we wanted to be but overall I'm satisfied with the progress we have made over the past two days," Hamilton said. "We didn't expect to be eight- or nine-tenths (of a second) behind pole but given this is a weekend of firsts for me, I didn't underestimate how steep the learning curve would be." Norris went into Q3 on the back foot after his first lap was deleted for a track limit infringement at turn four, where he put all four wheels off the track. But

he delivered when it mattered with his one run. "It's a tough one, because you want to take a lot of risks, especially on this track," Norris said. "It's a track where you've got to commit and you've got to know you know what your target is and once you've turned in, you're kind of hoping for the best in a lot of cases. "Obviously I took too many of my first (Q3) lap and got track limits, so I was in a difficult position with knowing how much risk I wanted to take, but I put it together well."

Ekadanta Sanskrit Fundamental Course Second Level Commencement in Hyderabad

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With the divine blessings of Pujya Swamiji Sri Dayananda Saraswati, Ekadanta - The School of Ancient Indian Studies, under the auspices of the Indian Institute of Ancient Indian Studies, started the second level of Ekadanta Sanskrit Fundamental Course at Brahma Vidya Kutir, Hyderabad today. This special program was organized by Pujya Swami Sri Tattvavida-

nanda Saraswati.

The Ekadanta organization, as part of its efforts to make traditional Indian education accessible to all, is providing an opportunity to learn Sanskrit for free. While there are 15 lessons in the first level, around 2,000 students have taken this course online through the ekadantha.in website. The second level consists of 31 lessons, which help to develop a deeper knowledge of the Sanskrit language. Students also have assignments

after completing each level. Those who are interested in learning Sanskrit can register for free on Ekadanta website and learn the language.

Swami Tattvavidananda Saraswati's blessings for learning Sanskrit Pujya Swami Sri Tattvavidananda Saraswati specially blessed the students who completed the first level. On the occasion, he suggested that "everyone should learn Sanskrit and absorb the wealth of Indian knowledge". Ekadanta Founder &

Director Mr. Satish Kumar MV, Ekadanta Prathana Acharya Mrs. CH Sadguna, Producer of KK Pictures banner Kashetti Kumar, Dayanand Shanmugam, Kripanand Shanmugam and also Ekadanta faculty participated in this event.

Registration details
Those who want to learn Sanskrit can register for free through the website www.ekadantha.in. This is the perfect opportunity to learn Sanskrit and develop the wealth of Indian knowledge!



Nizam's Haleem, Lassi & Faluda, and Paya

Where tradition meets taste, and every bite is a celebration of Hyderabad's culinary legacy, Writes zaffer abedi



Mohammed Ali Baba uddin

As the holy month of Ramzan approaches, the city of Hyderabad is abuzz with anticipation for the culinary delights that this season brings. Among the myriad of flavors and aromas that fill the air, one name stands out for its authenticity and delectable offerings: Nizam's Haleem, Lassi and Faluda, and Paya.

Founded in 1994 by Mohammed Nizam Uddin, Nizam's has carved a niche for itself in the diverse and flavorful cuisine landscape of Hyderabad. Now managed by his son, Mohd Ali Baba, the establishment continues to earn the trust of its customers with its unwavering commitment to taste and hygiene.



Mohammed Nizam Uddin

Nizam's is renowned for its signature dishes, particularly the Chicken Haleem, Mutton Haleem, and Mutton Paya. These dishes are not just culinary masterpieces but also a testament to the rich culinary heritage of Hyderabad. The use of pure ghee, high-quality mutton, and chicken ensures that every bite is a burst of authentic flavors.

The special Lassi and Faluda are equally celebrated, offering a refreshing respite from the heat and a perfect complement to the rich, savory dishes. The ingredients used in these beverages are sourced from top-quality companies, ensuring consistency in taste and quality.

Mohd Ali Baba emphasizes that hygiene is a top priority at Nizam's. From the kitchen to the dining table, every aspect of the establishment is maintained with the utmost cleanliness. This attention to detail has been a significant factor in building the trust and loyalty of their customers.

Nizam's has expanded its reach with multiple branches across the city,

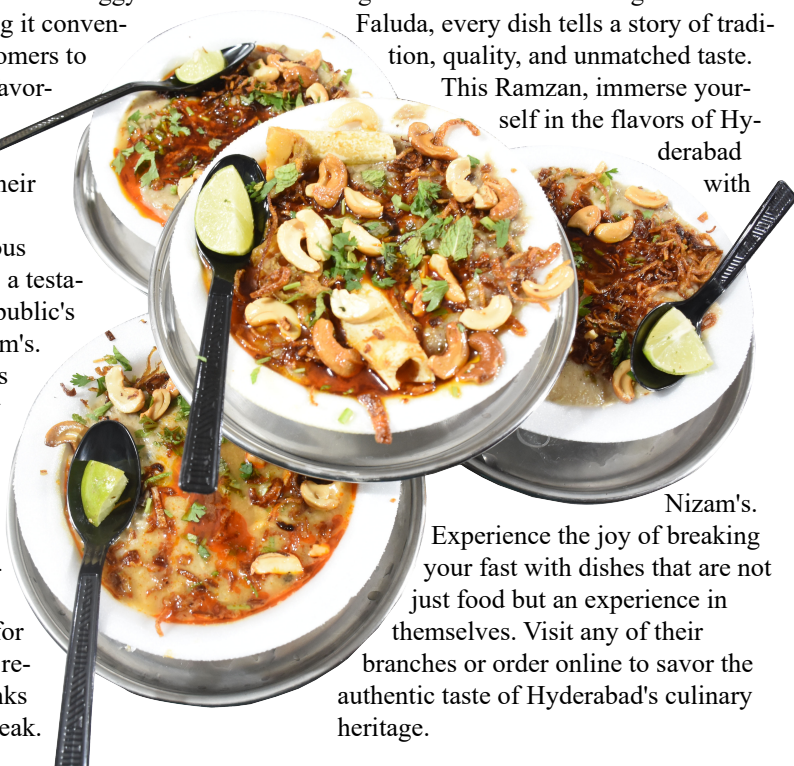


including Chandanagar, Madinaguda, Miyapur, Nizampet, Beermaguda, Ashok Nagar, Reddy Colony, Krishna Reddy-pet, and Gachibowli. Each of these branches offers online delivery through popular apps like Swiggy and Zomato, making it convenient for customers to enjoy their favorite dishes from the comfort of their homes.

The numerous branches are a testament to the public's trust in Nizam's. These outlets are specially set up to cater to the increased demand during Ramzan, where the craving for Haleem and refreshing drinks reaches its peak.

As Ramzan brings the city together in a spirit of celebration and sharing, Nizam's Haleem, Lassi and Faluda, and Paya invite everyone to indulge in their culinary delights. Whether it's the rich, comforting Haleem or the refreshing Lassi and Faluda, every dish tells a story of tradition, quality, and unmatched taste.

This Ramzan, immerse yourself in the flavors of Hyderabad with Nizam's. Experience the joy of breaking your fast with dishes that are not just food but an experience in themselves. Visit any of their branches or order online to savor the authentic taste of Hyderabad's culinary heritage.



Savor, Refresh, Indulge

The Lassi and Faluda at Nizam's are crafted with meticulous attention to detail, ensuring that each sip is a symphony of flavors that dance on the palate. The Lassi, a traditional yogurt-based drink, is renowned for its creamy texture and subtle tanginess, which perfectly complements the rich and savory dishes like Haleem and Paya. It is a testament to the culinary artistry that balances the robust flavors of the main courses with a refreshing coolness.

Faluda, on the other hand, is a sweet and indulgent beverage that combines the goodness of milk, vermicelli, and various essences. It is a delightful concoction that satisfies the sweet tooth while offering a refreshing break from the heat. The blend of ingredients in Faluda creates a unique taste profile that is both comforting and invigorating. The secret to the unmatched quality of Nizam's Lassi and Faluda lies in the ingredients used. Sourced from top-tier companies, these ingredients ensure that every beverage maintains a consistent taste and quality. The use of pure curds and high-quality essences elevates the drinking experience, making each sip a moment to savor.



BRS failed to protect Krishna water share: Uttam

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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy reaffirmed the Congress government's commitment to safeguarding Telangana's rightful share of Krishna River water while accusing the previous BRS government of failing to defend the state's interests. Responding to a query from a BRS MLA in the Assembly on Saturday, the minister alleged that the BRS regime had surrendered Telangana's water rights to Andhra Pradesh and allowed illegal withdrawals to continue unchecked.

Highlighting the ongoing injustice in water allocation, Uttam Kumar Reddy pointed out that while Andhra Pradesh receives 512 TMC ft of Krishna water, Telan-



is allocated only 299 TMC, despite having a larger catchment area, extensive drought-prone regions and substantial agricultural demands. He criticised the former BRS government for not challenging this unfair division, which, he said, has caused lasting damage to Telangana's interests.

The minister also held the BRS administration responsible for enabling Andhra Pradesh to proceed with the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS), noting that delays in convening the Apex Council meeting prevented Telangana from officially contesting the project.

Uttam Kumar Betrayed Telangana, BRS Secured Water Rights: Harish

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BRS leader Harish Rao criticized Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that he wished for the death of former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), who led the state for ten years. "Wanting the death of KCR, who sacrificed his life for Telangana, is unacceptable. That is why we boycotted the CM's speech," he stated.

Harish Rao accused the Congress party of negligence in water allocation, stating that their failure to build projects led to the temporary allocation of only 299 TMC of Krishna water to Telangana. "The injustice done to Telangana in Krishna waters is due to the Congress. They failed to build projects, and as a result, we were left with just 299 TMC of water," he remarked.

He questioned the actions of IAS officer Rahul Bojja and Engineer-in-Chief Anil, alleging that they went to Delhi and made unnecessary confessions regarding the water dispute.

Harish Rao lashed out at Congress leader Uttam Kumar Reddy, accusing him of misleading the Assembly with blatant lies. He claimed that Uttam remained silent when injustice was done to Telangana and prioritized political gains.

PJR fought for Potha Reddy's son-in-law, but Uttam Kumar Reddy remained silent for political posts.

Uttam went to Chandrababu Naidu, had lunch with him, and allowed Telangana's water to be diverted.

He betrayed Telangana by draining Srisailem's water Harish Rao asserted that while the Congress

had a history of betrayal, the BRS had a history of sacrifice. He highlighted BRS' efforts in securing Telangana's water rights. KCR achieved Section 3, bringing 573 TMC of water to Telangana BRS obtained a stay on the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project to protect Telangana's share of water.

Congress is responsible for the drying up of crops in Nalgonda, as they diverted Krishna water to the sea. Thanks to KCR's efforts, the Sitarama project was built, ensuring water supply to Khammam.

Harish Rao accused Uttam Kumar Reddy of favoring Andhra over Telangana. "While Uttam ensured Huzurnagar was flooded with water, he also provided water for the third crop in Andhra Pradesh," he alleged.



BRSV State President and former TSTDC Chairman Gellu Srinivas Yadav Garu, along with BRSV Vice President Mukesh Appareddy, BRSV GHMC Coordinator Adv. Mir Qurram Ali, and others, participated in an Iftar party at NJTC Rajandernagar Ground, Hyderabad, organized by Mohd Murtuza Ali Bhi and others.



Protests and dharnas banned on OU campus

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Osmania University has officially banned agitations, dharnas, and demonstrations on its campus, citing disruptions to academic and administrative activities. The decision, announced through a circular, prohibits any form of protest in university departments, colleges, centres, and administrative buildings. The university stated that repeated instances of protests had hindered the smooth functioning of academic sessions, had delayed administrative work, and, at times, posed security concerns.

Under the new directive, students and outsiders are barred from entering university buildings without authorisation, holding protests or demonstrations, raising slogans that disrupt academic or administrative operations, obstructing officials from performing their duties, or

using abusive or offensive language against authorities or staff. The administration has urged students to follow formal channels for resolving grievances, encouraging them to approach relevant institutional authorities or seek an appointment with the registrar.

"We understand that students have concerns, and we are committed to addressing them. However, protests that disrupt academics and administration cannot be allowed. Grievance redressal mechanisms are in place," a university official stated.

While the move is positioned as an effort to maintain academic discipline and protect the university's reputation, student activists have raised concerns, calling it an attempt to stifle dissent.

Student leader Naveen Yadav K., speaking to Deccan Chronicle, said, "Universities are spaces for debate and discussion.

If we are not allowed to express our concerns within our own campus, where else can we? This is an attempt to silence the voices of students." OU, for long a centre for student activism, witnessed fresh political tensions earlier this week. BRS Vi-dyarthi leaders protested against Congress MLAs Beerla Ilaiah and Yennam Srinivas Reddy over alleged remarks against BRS MLC K. Kavitha, sending them phenyl bottles as a symbolic rebuke. Simultaneously, a separate row erupted between Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and BRS leaders over a purportedly fake circular on hostel conditions. The CM shared a May 2023 notice citing severe water and power shortages, while BRS leaders accused him of spreading a doctored document, claiming no such issues were officially reported.

Kavach Research hub soon in Secunderabad

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The Narendra Modi-led Central government has announced the establishment of a Kavach Research Institute in Secunderabad. This initiative is part of a broader effort to strengthen the development and implementation of Kavach, India's indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, aimed at enhancing railway safety and efficiency.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy made the announcement on Saturday, expressing his satisfaction that Telangana will now host a world-class research institute focused on Kavach technology. The institute will concentrate on research, development, and training related to this advanced train protection system.

Kavach has already been deployed as a pilot project over 1,548 route kilometers (rkm) across key corridors. Work is

ongoing on important routes such as Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah. Indian Railways has undertaken modernisation works worth Rs 5,337 crore in Telangana, with an additional Rs 39,300 crore worth of projects in progress. These include track doubling, new line works, and laying additional lines.

Developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), Kavach is a cab signalling train con-

trol system equipped with anti-collision features. It automatically applies brakes if a train overspeeds or ignores signals and provides real-time signal display, emergency communication, and automatic braking mechanisms. Since the Modi government came to power, 453 underpasses and flyovers have been completed across Telangana to prevent accidents at railway crossings. Begumpet Railway Station has seen works worth Rs 26 crore

completed under the first phase, with an additional Rs 12 crore allocated for the second phase. Modernisation of Cherlapally and Nampally Railway Stations is also underway, with expected completion by next year.

To reduce congestion at Secunderabad station, new train services from Cherlapally Railway Station are being planned. Telangana is already operating five Vande Bharat trains, with more services in the pipeline. Minister